

Strengthening Financial and Service Resilience

Chief Officer Finance and ICT (Section 151 Officer)

Salary £89,085 – £99,565 (under review, this may be extended when certain conditions necessitate this) our relocation policy will also apply to this post.

Due to the current post holder's retirement we have an exciting opportunity to join our Senior Leadership Team, reporting directly to the Chief Executive. You will lead on the Finance and ICT portfolio area, as well as actively contributing to our collective leadership goals to deliver long-term improvement and sustainable services for Wrexham County Borough Council.

We have strong record of robust fiscal management and well respected governance arrangements and are looking for someone to take us further on this journey and build on this success. You will play a pivotal role in the delivery of the Council Plan's priorities along with specific responsibilities in its Organisation theme "to continue to modernise our services and support a resilient Council."

Being a principal adviser to the Council on financial matters, we are seeking someone with excellent visible leadership skills, the professional skills and knowledge to build effective relationships and partnerships with a range of internal and external stake holders.

You will advise the Chief Executive and Elected Members on key issues and financial strategies, as well as leading some of our most important change work and other partnership projects. Expectations will be high both within and outside the Council but collective accountability and strong support will be provided.

The portfolio includes a number of important services that you will lead, develop and continue to improve to ensure these are effective support services, whilst maintaining strong financial and wider governance standards. You will need an understanding of local government finances and the issues that face the portfolio areas.

As well as being our lead finance professional the role includes the statutory position of Section 151 Officer, which requires a relevant accountancy qualification, CIPFA or equivalent.

You will have a proven track record of achievement in the delivery of strategic outcomes in these portfolio areas and the skills to influence and guide others. You will have the ability to lead on cultural change, encouraging honest conversations throughout the service and promoting a 'One Council' culture. If you have the ability to provide strong financial, commercial and strategic support to the Council's Officers and Members in this pivotal role, we would welcome an application from you.

To find out more about this role visit <https://www.buildingonsuccess.wales/>

For a confidential discussion with the Chief Executive on our strategic priorities and vision for the future contact 01978 292101 or find out more about the service from the current Chief Officer contact Mark Owen on 01978 292704

Closing date: noon Thursday 4 March 2021

Shortlisting w/c 8 March 2021

Selection process w/c 22 March 2021